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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (original) A process of producing an inner profile (18) in a tube or hollow profile (11) ~~with the following characteristics comprising:~~

inserting the tube or hollow profile (11) into a supporting sleeve (12), with a first tube end (19) being axially supported;

placing a pressure-loaded annular die (16) on to the other tube end (20);

pressing a forming die (15) with an outer profile into the tube or hollow profile (11) from the latter tube end (20) for producing the inner profile (18);

allowing a return of the annular die (16) under a pressure load in the opposite direction of that of pressing in the forming die (15).

2.-5. (cancelled)